

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL MEMORANDUM**

**SB 1977 – HB 2180**

March 11, 2018

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Clarifies that a park does not include a greenway for purposes of the prohibition of a needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program. However, in the event a greenway traverses a park, the greenway will be considered a portion of the park.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (014511):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Prohibits a needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program from being within 1,000 feet of any school or public park in Nashville and Davidson County, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Memphis.

**FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-1-136(g), a needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program is prohibited from conducting an exchange within 2,000 feet of any school or public park. Such programs are authorized to be established by nongovernmental organizations, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 68-1-136(a).
- According to the 2010 federal census, the proposed legislation would apply to Nashville and Davidson County, Chattanooga, Knoxville, and Memphis and would prohibit a needle and hypodermic syringe exchange program from being within 1,000 feet of any school or public park in these areas. It is anticipated that any the programs operated either under current law or under the provisions of this legislation can be accomplished by the specified local entities with no expenditure impacts. As a result, any impact to local government is considered not significant.

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- The proposed legislation will not have a fiscal impact on any state agencies; therefore, any fiscal impact to the state is estimated to be not significant.
- The Department of Health has had three applicants for such programs in the areas designated by the proposed legislation; two are approved, and one is operational. All three programs are at least 1,000 feet away from any school or public park.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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